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DAILY ALLOWANCE TO ESI EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the daily allowances to the employees covered under Employees State Insurance Corporation in case of their illness;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment has been made about the total number of employees likely to be benefited therefrom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The ESI Corporation in its meeting held on 23.12.2006 has taken a decision to enhance the daily rate of Sickness Benefit from the existing 100% to 120% of the Standard Benefit rate. The enhanced rate has been made effective with effect from 01.12.2007 vide Government of India Gazette Notification No. 685 (E) dated 31.10.2007.

(c) & (d): As per assessment made for number of Insured Persons as on 31.03.2007, there were 1.01 crore Insured Persons covered under the ESI Scheme. All these Insured Persons are likely to be benefited in case they are eligible to avail sickness benefits.